



# **STIC Search Report**

## **EIC 3600**

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### **Search Notes**

Examiner Freda,

Please find enclosed the results of your search request.

If you need a refocus, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

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Paper

**Search Topic Information:**

A charge information processing apparatus for calculating charges required for working as a franchisee that provides automobile repairing services by a specific repairing method, comprising:  
means for inputting scale information of a repair shop into said charge information processing apparatus;  
means for calculating introduction expenses required for facilities working as the franchisee providing the automobile repairing services by the specific repairing method, based on the scale information of a repair shop inputted into said charge information processing apparatus by said inputting means for calculating an instruction fee of said specific repairing method, a royalty, and prices of repairing instruments and repairing materials required for implementing said specific repairing method;  
means for managing information of franchisee;  
means for managing the number of franchisees for each region;  
and  
means for outputting information for preparing a branching plan based on the the number of franchisees for each region that are managed by a franchisee number managing device.  
**Special Instructions and Other Comments:**  
franchisee management, franchisor software,



# STIC Search Results Feedback Form

**EIC 3600**

Questions about the scope or the results of the search? Contact *the EIC searcher* or contact:

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## Voluntary Results Feedback Form

➤ I am an examiner in Workgroup:  Example: 3620 (optional)

➤ Relevant prior art **found**, search results used as follows:

- ☐ 102 rejection
- ☐ 103 rejection
- ☐ Cited as being of interest.
- ☐ Helped examiner better understand the invention.
- ☐ Helped examiner better understand the state of the art in their technology.

Types of relevant prior art found:

- ☐ Foreign Patent(s)
- ☐ Non-Patent Literature  
(journal articles, conference proceedings, new product announcements etc.)

➤ Relevant prior art **not found**:

- ☐ Results verified the lack of relevant prior art (helped determine patentability).
- ☐ Results were not useful in determining patentability or understanding the invention.

Comments:

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S4	2639940	MANAG? OR PLAN? OR SOFTWARE OR APPLICATION OR PROGRAM?
S5	362	S1(S)S2
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S7	19	S1(S)S3
S8	84	S6 OR S7
S9	16	S8 AND IC=G06F-017/60

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File 348:EUROPEAN PATENTS 1978-2005/Sep W01  
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File 350:Derwent WPIX 1963-2005/UD,UM &UP=200557

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S8	21	S1(15N)S3(15N)S4
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File	2:INSPEC	1969-2005/Aug W4
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File	35:Dissertation Abs Online	1861-2005/Aug
		(c) 2005 ProQuest Info&Learning
File	65:Inside Conferences	1993-2005/Sep W1
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File	99:Wilson Appl. Sci & Tech Abs	1983-2005/Jul
		(c) 2005 The HW Wilson Co.
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		(c) 2005 The New York Times
File	583:Gale Group Globalbase(TM)	1986-2002/Dec 13
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File	256:TecInfoSource	82-2005/Sep
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File	9:Business & Industry(R)	Jul/1994-2005/Sep 08 (c) 2005 The Gale Group
File	15:ABI/Inform(R)	1971-2005/Sep 10 (c) 2005 ProQuest Info&Learning
File	16:Gale Group PROMT(R)	1990-2005/Sep 09 (c) 2005 The Gale Group
File	148:Gale Group Trade & Industry DB	1976-2005/Sep 12 (c)2005 The Gale Group
File	160:Gale Group PROMT(R)	1972-1989 (c) 1999 The Gale Group
File	275:Gale Group Computer DB(TM)	1983-2005/Sep 09 (c) 2005 The Gale Group
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File	636:Gale Group Newsletter DB(TM)	1987-2005/Sep 09 (c) 2005 The Gale Group
File	20:Dialog Global Reporter	1997-2005/Sep 12 (c) 2005 Dialog
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File	610:Business Wire	1999-2005/Sep 12 (c) 2005 Business Wire.
File	613:PR Newswire	1999-2005/Sep 12 (c) 2005 PR Newswire Association Inc
File	624:McGraw-Hill Publications	1985-2005/Sep 09 (c) 2005 McGraw-Hill Co. Inc
File	634:San Jose Mercury	Jun 1985-2005/Sep 10 (c) 2005 San Jose Mercury News
File	810:Business Wire	1986-1999/Feb 28 (c) 1999 Business Wire
File	813:PR Newswire	1987-1999/Apr 30 (c) 1999 PR Newswire Association Inc